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7B**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of) Group Art Unit: 1614 1623
WRENN, Simeon M. Jr.)
Application No.: 09/763,497)
Filed: November 13, 2001)
Title: Oral Administration of Adenosine)
Analogs)

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as indicated below.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the below amendments.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 25, 28, 30-37.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A composition comprising:

an acid-labile 2'-deoxyadenosine analog which chemically decomposes in an acidic environment of the stomach; and
an agent which inhibits the 2'-deoxyadenosine analog from decomposing in the acidic environment of the stomach by reducing acid concentration in the stomach;
wherein the composition is suitable to be administered orally to a patient.

2. (Amended) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the 2'deoxyadenosine analog is pentostatin or cladribine.